

Tuck & Howell Plumbing, Heating & Air Highlights Backflow Prevention for Duncan Property Owners

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Tuck & Howell Plumbing, Heating & Air is drawing attention to the importance of backflow prevention for homeowners and property owners throughout Duncan, South Carolina, and surrounding communities. As a family-owned company serving Upstate South Carolina since 1969, the business is emphasizing the role that properly inspected and maintained backflow devices play in protecting local drinking water from contamination.

Backflow occurs when water reverses its intended direction within a plumbing system, often as a result of sudden pressure changes. A drop in supply pressure, such as during a water main break or heavy demand on the system, can create a siphoning effect that pulls water backward. When this happens, contaminants from irrigation lines, boilers, or other sources can be drawn into the clean water supply. Backflow prevention devices are designed to stop this reverse flow, and periodic inspection, repair, and maintenance help ensure those devices continue to function as intended.

Many property owners in the Duncan area are required to have backflow devices tested on a regular schedule, particularly those with irrigation systems, commercial connections, or specialized plumbing fixtures. Devices can wear over time, and a unit that passed an inspection in a prior year may no longer provide adequate protection. Tuck & Howell Plumbing, Heating & Air provides evaluation, testing, repair, and maintenance of these devices as part of its plumbing services.

"Backflow prevention is one of those systems that stays out of sight until something goes wrong, and by then the risk to the water supply has already occurred," said Jay Mahaffey, owner of Tuck & Howell Plumbing, Heating & Air. "Pressure changes happen more often than people realize, and a device that is worn or improperly installed may not stop contaminated water from flowing in the wrong direction. Routine testing is a straightforward way for property owners to confirm their systems are doing their job."

The company notes that local conditions and regulatory requirements can influence how often backflow devices should be examined. Years of service in Upstate South Carolina have given its technicians familiarity with the systems commonly found in the region, which supports accurate diagnosis and clear explanations for property owners.

"The goal is to give property owners a clear picture of the condition of their backflow devices and what, if anything, needs attention," Mahaffey added. "Findings are explained in plain language so homeowners understand their options before any work begins."

Tuck & Howell Plumbing, Heating & Air serves Duncan along with nearby communities including Greer, Lyman, Reidville, Startex, and Wellford, as well as broader portions of Upstate South Carolina and Western North Carolina. The approach to backflow service reflects the company's broader focus on preventive maintenance, which aims to identify small issues before they develop into larger problems.

Established in 1969, Tuck & Howell Plumbing, Heating & Air is a family-owned provider of residential heating, cooling, and plumbing services. Its offerings include air conditioning installation and repair, furnace and heat pump service, water heater service, drain and sewer work, water treatment, backflow service, and related home-comfort solutions. The information in this release reflects the services of Tuck & Howell Plumbing, Heating & Air - Duncan SC.

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